

Submitted by Don Fenocchio

Good evening----- My name is Don Fenocchio. I have lived in Clarksburg for over 55 years. My mother's family came to Clarksburg long before that. She was born in our area over a hundred years ago. Her family farmed, fished and hunted in the area. I came back to work in the school system here because I felt a dedication to the Delta. A dedication to the small towns and to the people who inhabit them. I served as an educator for almost 40 years right here in the Delta; from Clarksburg to Rio Vista.

This Delta is more than a watershed; more than a delivery system to areas south of us. It is home to a large number of people who have made their homes here----have made their living here----have raised their children here and who have worked hard to make the Delta a wonderful place to live----a wonderful place to raise their children. It is the location of a number of small historical towns. Towns that have survived the difficulties of being in a flood plain. All of the citizens of the Delta have contributed to the preservation of a way of life that has developed into a strong society.

The plan to change this historic place----these historic towns appalls me. This kind of plan stops any kind of growth and progress that is necessary to maintain the character of these small towns. The plan that I see being presented will destroy the character of these Delta towns.

YOUR EIR SHOULD----AND MUST----STUDY PLANS TO PROTECT THESE EXISTING COMMUNITIES. THE EIR MUST STUDY THE IMPACTS ON A MYRIAD OF COMMUNITY ISSUES----INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO----SUCH ISSUES AS DECLINING POPULATION----THE EFFECT OF SUCH A PLAN ON SCHOOLS, THE EXISTING COMMUNITY HABITATS, HEALTH, THE EXISTING ENVIRONMNET, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES----INCLUDING CHURCHES, SCOUTING, FIRE SERVICES, LIBRARIES, POLICE PROTECTION AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

THESE EXISTING DELTA COMMUNITIES CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT ASSET TO THE STATE. YOUR EIR MUST ADDRESS THESE AND OTHER COMMUNITY CONCERNS. HOW WILL YOU PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF OUR IMPORTANT COMMUNITIES???????